

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ) CASE NO. 1:19CR251-7  
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 PLAINTIFF, ) JUDGE SARA LIOI  
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 vs. ) ) ORDER  
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 MATTHEW KUCERA, ) )  
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 DEFENDANT. )

This matter is before the Court upon Magistrate Judge George J. Limbert's Report and Recommendation that the Court ACCEPT Defendant Matthew Kucera's ("Defendant") plea of guilty and enter a finding of guilty against defendant. (Doc. No. 307.)

On April 24, 2019, the government filed an Indictment against defendant. (Doc. No. 13.) On September 19, 2019, this Court issued an order assigning this case to Magistrate Judge Limbert for the purpose of receiving defendant's guilty plea. (Doc. No. 257.)

On September 26, 2019, a hearing was held in which defendant entered a plea of guilty to Count 1 of the Indictment, charging Matthew Kucera with Conspiracy to Distribute and Possess with Intent to Distribute Fentanyl, in violation of 21 U.S.C. Section 846, 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C). Magistrate Judge Limbert received defendant's guilty plea and issued a Report and Recommendation ("R&R") recommending that this Court accept the plea and enter a finding of guilty. (Doc. No. 307.)

Neither party objected to the Magistrate Judge's R&R in the fourteen days after it was issued.

Upon *de novo* review of the record, the Magistrate Judge's R&R is ADOPTED. Specifically, the Court finds as follows: that the defendant is competent to enter a plea, that he understands his constitutional rights, that he is aware of the consequences of entering a plea, and that there is an adequate factual basis for the plea. The Court further finds that the plea was entered knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily. Accordingly, the defendant's plea of guilty is APPROVED.

Therefore, the defendant is adjudged guilty of Count 1 in violation of 21 U.S.C. Section 846, 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C). The sentencing will be held on January 16, 2020 at 10:00AM.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: November 27, 2019

  
**HONORABLE SARA LIOI**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**